

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. At the present time, claims 1-41 stand rejected based on the prior art of record. In particular, claims 1-2, 10, 14-15, 18 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Underwood (U.S. Patent No. 6,523,027). Claims 28-41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bowman Amuah (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,948). Claims 3-9, 11-13, 16-17, 19-22 and 24-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Underwood in view of Bowman Amuah.

In response to the Office Action of September 16, 2003, Applicant hereby submits a copy of the book entitled Netcentric and Client/Server Computing. As clearly indicated on the cover of the book, the Applicant, Stanton J. Taylor, is a contributing author of the book. The Examiner has requested Applicant to point out the specific portion of the book that corresponds to the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully points out to the Examiner that the specification and claims of the present application have been taken from the concepts and ideas embodied in chapters 17 and 18 of the book. Applicant, Stanton J. Taylor, is the author of these chapters of the book.

As set forth above, claims 1-41 of the present application have been rejected by the Examiner based on U.S. Patent No. 6,523,027 (issued to "Underwood") and U.S. Patent No. 6,529,948 (issued to "Amuah"). Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a Declaration of Prior Invention in the United States to Overcome Cited Patents (37 C.F.R. § 1.131) that has been executed by the inventor of this application and was previously submitted on July 2, 2003, which was before the mailing date of the final Office Action. As indicated therein, Applicant is capable of establishing a date of conception of the present invention at least as early as

December 18, 1998, which is earlier than the effective date of either of the prior art references relied on by the Examiner. To that end, the prior art references cited in support of the rejections should be removed from consideration, as they are no longer valid prior art references for this application.

The Examiner has also indicated that the Applicant is required to furnish formal drawings in response to this Office Action. As Applicant pointed out in its previous response, Applicant respectfully believes that formal drawings were filed with this application at the time of filing and that the drawings as filed are correct. In addition, Applicant notes that as of today's date, Applicant has not received a Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) form indicating that any changes need to be made to the drawings as filed. As such, Applicant cannot respond to this request at this time because Applicant is unaware of what problems, if any, there are with the drawings as originally filed.

Applicant believes that all of the present pending claims of this application are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application indicating the same. In the event a telephone conversation would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (317) 636-0886. Also, please note that the suite address of Applicant's attorney of record has changed to the new address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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